eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board Consumer Interests Workgroup July 28, 2006

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Dear [contact name],

We invite you to join members of Governor Doyle's eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board for a discussion of consumer's role, interests, and concerns related to the electronic exchange of health and medical information.

The eHealth Board is charged with developing Wisconsin's five year Action Plan for the adoption and exchange of electronic health records. Electronic health records and other health information exchange technologies will help address the challenges faced by consumers, providers, and employers related to the cost and quality of health services.

Five workgroups have been formed to guide development of Wisconsin's eHealth Action Plan: Patient Care, Information Exchange, Consumer Interests, Governance, and Financing. You can learn more about the work of the eHealth Board and its workgroups online at: http://ehealthboard.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/.

The Consumer Interests workgroup is particularly concerned with gathering needed input at every step in this process and assuring that Wisconsin's eHealth Action Plan reflects the needs, desires, and concerns of consumers.

The meeting will be held as follows:

Tuesday, September 12, 2006 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Olympia Resorts Oconomowoc, WI

This event will provide a venue to share thoughts and concerns on behalf of your clients, constituencies, and communities about the adoption of electronic health records and health information. This discussion is essential to guiding the Consumer Interests workgroup's contributions to Wisconsin's eHealth Action Plan.

We look forward to seeing you on September 12. For further information, and to let us know your attendance plans, please e-mail: [e-mail address] by [date].

Sincerely,

Helene Nelson, Secretary Department of Health and Family Services Chair, eHealth Board Catherine J. Hansen, RHIA St. Croix Regional Medical Center Chair, Consumer Interests workgroup